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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to The China Mail)

TRADE DEPRESSION.

CONTINENTAL PRICES DEFY BRITISH COMPETITION.

THE MARKET IN CHINA.

LONDON, February 16.

That some European countries are deliberately and systematically
inflating exchange against themselves in order to undersell and get their
industries going before meeting their indebtedness was a point urged by
Sir Peter Rylands, a member of an influential industrial deputation which
waited on Mr. Austen Chamberlain to urge alleviation and
postponement of taxation on industries "during the present de-
pression. It was pointed out that continental prices defied British
competition. Moreover, there was great difficulty in obtaining remittances
in certain countries. Mr. Chamberlain replied that the factors mentioned
were beyond the Government's control. The difficulty in the case of
markets like India and China was not concerned with remittances and ex-
change but was a question of the impossibility of disposing there of goods
ordered in Britain.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR PLEDGES TO EX-SERVICE MEN.

LONDON, February 17.

In the House of Commons Mr. Clynes moved an amendment to the
address regretting that the Government had failed to fulfil its promises to
introduce legislation for the relief of unemployed, the numbers of whom had
trebled in the past four months. The Rt. Hon. Mr. Macnamara replied
that the Government intended to enforce its unemployment policy and
carry out its pledges to ex-Service men by shortly increasing unemployment
benefits.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET.

BIG NAVAL BASE PLANNED FOR HAWAII.

HONOLULU, February 15.

Plans for the expansion of Pearl Harbour as a United States naval base
at Hawaii with a view to enabling it to supply and accommodate the entire
Pacific Fleet are now under way, according to Rear-Admiral Spoomaker
who has just arrived to take command of the Rear-Admiral's fleet who
has been transferred to the American Naval Commission at Rio de Janeiro.
Admiral Spoomaker says that the plans should not be interpreted so as to
give the impression that the United States expects trouble but as a routine
development tending to greater efficiency and fulfilling the original purposes
of the station. A part of the Pacific Fleet will very soon be based at Hawaii.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS.

COMPENSATION SOUGHT FROM AMERICA.

CHRISTIANIA, February 17.

The Norwegian Minister at Washington has presented a note to the
United States State Department requesting that the claims of a group of
Christiania shipowners on the American Government for \$14,000,000 in
connection with the requisitioning of ships during the war shall be submitted
to arbitration unless an amicable settlement is reached soon.

POST-WAR READJUSTMENT.

FINANCIAL EXPERT CONTEMPLATES FUTURE CONFIDENTLY.

WASHINGTON, February 16.

Mr. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in his annual
report, expresses the opinion that the United States has passed the crisis in
post-war readjustment. He contemplates the future confidently. America
at present is finding her exports only partly paid for by a large portion of
the world. Trade will soon have to be cut down to the most vital essentials
unless Europe's normal credit and buying power are restored. Mr. Harding
advocates the creation of a corporation to arrange long-term credits.

SIGNOR CARUSO.

GREAT SINGER'S CONDITION STILL SERIOUS.

SERIES OF ILLNESSES.

NEW YORK, February 16.

After paying farewell to the members of the Metropolitan Opera
Company at his bedside Signor Caruso rallied but is still in a serious
condition. Signor Caruso has had a series of illnesses since early December.
First he was injured in the fall of a stage pillar, then he strained his side
by slipping and falling on the stage, and afterwards burst a small blood
vessel in his throat while singing at Brooklyn. He recovered but after
that he had successively lumbago and pleurisy, the latter ailment necessitat-
ing two operations to the ribs. Subsequently he was suffering from acute
emphysema.

REPARATION TERMS.

SIMONS STILL BREATHING DEFIANCE.

BERLIN, February 16.

After conferring at Baden with the Cabinet of Karlsruhe Herr von
Simons addressed the Diet. He declared that no German statesman would
dare call on the people to perform a forty-two years' service under Entente
conditions. Germany must therefore refuse to sign such an undertaking.
Two important factors in the impending clearing up of the situation would
be whether Germany would retain Upper Silesia and what would be her
relations with the United States.

ANOTHER DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE.

PARIS, February 17.

France has issued a challenge for the Davis Cup.

THE DOCK.

To-day's closing rate 3/8
To-day's opening rate 3/8

THE SHIP THAT WAS.

DERELICT BARQUE.

SAILS UP THE THAMES.

A British ship that passed out of
mortal ken, that lay stranded and half-
buried in the silting sand of a foreign
shore for twenty years, and was given
up as a total loss by the owners and
underwriters, has just sailed up the
Thames.

The vessel is now lying moored in
the middle of Canada Dock, just be-
low Rotherhithe.

The superstitious sailor will write
her down in future as "the ship that
was"—the Southampton built, four-
masted barque "Andrina," now the
re-named and Chilean-owned "Alex-
andrina," that left British shores 22
years ago.

On December 8 a stevedore's row
boat took me alongside the ship, dimly
outlined in the fog, writes a Daily
News representative. She was flying
the Chilean flag, and was discharging
a valuable cargo of grain from the
States. A dusky Chilean showed me
the captain's cabin, and, seated at a
table with his wife and three little
fair-haired daughters, Captain Fred A.
Gjerssen, a Norwegian, told me the
romantic story of this derelict.

"This barque was wrecked on
Tierra del Fuego—the Land of Fire—
in 1898, as she was rounding Cape
Horn, about 250 miles from Punta
Arenas," he said. "She was deserted
and forgotten, and eventually the
sheep ranchers and the natives strip-
ped her of most of the wood-work,
sails, and tackle. They say that the
Patagonians built many a fine house
out of her timbers.

"Well, twenty years passed, and
she was given up as hopeless. Then,
in 1918, when there was a world
shortage of ships, a Punta Arenas
firm of salvors arrived, dug a channel
in the sand, got her out, and floated her.
Her present owners are the famous
Mendez firm of Punta Arenas
known as the 'Wool Kings of Patago-
nia,' owning vast sheep ranches.

"The salvors, of whom there were
about 50, lived on board during the
operations, but the vessel listed over
at a sharp angle, and fresh quarters
had to be built.

"The remarkable thing about the
'Alexandrina' was that although she
had been derelict for 20 years, and
had endured the rains and storms of
all that time, her masts were standing
and the hull was in good condition.
After working for over four months
the salvors launched her into the sea,
and she took in scarcely a drop of
water, which says much for the sound-
ness with which she was built. She
was towed to Punta Arenas, refitted,
and equipped, and a diver who ex-
amined her reported her seaworthy."

It is the ship's first visit to London
since her rechristening, and no one
who saw her being "mothered" into
the dock by the tugs guessed her
identity. She has a mixed crew of
Chileans and Norwegians and one or
two Germans.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

SOME BIG GIFTS.

PRESIDENT GIVES \$30,000.

Two large gifts to the National
Famine Relief Drive have brought the
special campaign fund to a total of
\$68,000.
Mr. Charles R. Crane, American
Minister to China, gave the commit-
tee \$15,000 and his contribution was
soon followed by another from the
Methodist Church Board which sent
in \$20,000.

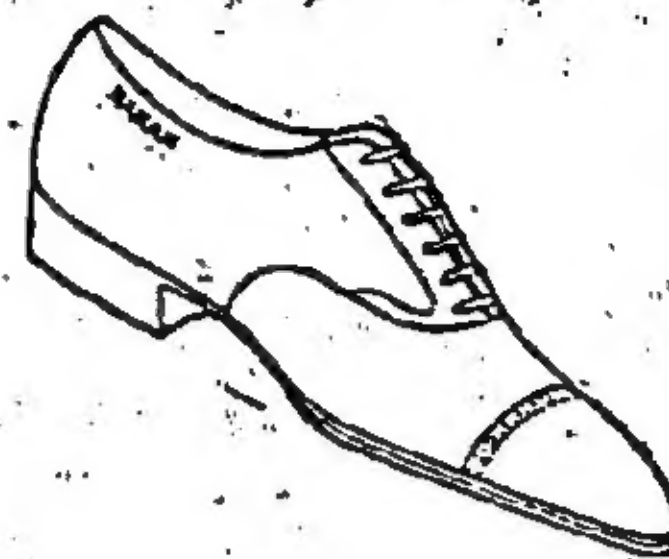
Both the new funds come from
sources that have already given liber-
ally to famine relief. Both Mr. and
Mrs. Crane have given donations
before and the Methodist organiza-
tions have assumed a large part of
the relief burden.

The Methodist fund was sent to
China by the Methodist Board for
work of the China churches in their
own fields but the directors said they
believed the nature of the United
International Famine Relief Commit-
tee was such that the funds would be
best expended under its direction
which has been characterized by
efficiency throughout.

An empty treasury confronted the
United International Committee be-
fore the drive was inaugurated and
the new funds give promise that it
will be replenished. His Excellency,
President Hsu Shih-chang gave
\$30,000 last week and the North
China Union Language School has
given \$3,000. Other large gifts are
expected before the formal opening of
the drive on February 20.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

FRIDAY,

February 19, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.
at No. 2, Carnarvon Villas,
Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

Useful Household Furniture,
etc., etc.

Comprising—
Upolstered Suite, large Mirror back
Sideboard, Dinner Wagon, Extension
Dining Table and Chairs,
Fumed Teak Bed Room Furniture,
Double and Single Beds, etc., (good as
new).

Also
Pantry and Kitchen Utensils, Electric
Frying, Curtain Poles, Pot Plants, etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On view day of sale.

Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, February 11, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

SATURDAY,

February 19, 1921, at 11 a.m.,
by courtesy of the management of the
Exile Motor Coy., at their show rooms,
Kowloon.

2-8-Cyl. Cadillac's 7 Seater cars in
sound running condition. Coach work
and electrical equipment in excellent
condition.

2-6-Cyl. Buick 5 seater in sound
running condition 4-in. tyres nearly new.
A good hire car.

1-4-Cyl. Buick 2 seater good running
order coachwork and electrical equip-
ment in sound condition.

Not reconstructed cars but direct off
the road. Can be seen Thursday and
Friday before sale and running inspection
can be had on either afternoon by
appointment, at these offices or the
undersigned.

Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

TUESDAY,

February 22, 1921, commencing at
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNI-
TURE, BRASS AND TEAKWOOD TWIN
BEDSTEADS, CARPETS,
etc., etc.

comprising—
Chamberfield Sofa, Arm-chairs (new),
Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One
Upolstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture
comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,
large and small Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Wash-
stands, etc. (fumed Teakwood), Side-
boards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Din-
ing Tables and Chairs, etc., Dinner
tables, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Utensils, etc., Bath
Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware,
Electric Heating Lamps, Teakwood
Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture,
Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures,
etc.

Also
Including Several lots Tennis Balls, etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, February 16, 1921.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. Sams, to sell by Public Auction,

at a date to be specified later,
THE
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc.,
at present contained in "Craigieburn,"
the Peak.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, February 3, 1921.

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INTIMATIONS

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R. J. PATERSON,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

NOTICE.

THE SHAREHOLDERS of the
BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE
are herewith informed that an interim
dividend of Frs. 20.— per share will be
paid from February 1st, 1921, on pre-
sentation of their certificates at the
Head Office, in Paris, and at any of its
agencies.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction
(for account of the concerned),

TUESDAY,

February 22, 1921, commencing at 2.30
p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

AN ASSORTMENT OF
Household Linens, etc.,
comprising—

Fillock Cases, Fine quality Blankets,
White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances,
Damask Table Cloths, Turkish Towels,
Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed
Sheets, Drawnwork Bedspreads, Table
Covers, Crochet and Drawnwork Dollies,
Linen Damask Serviettes.

Also
A few lots of Bellow Valises and Suit
Cases.

And
Three Pairs Binoculars, etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, February 16, 1921.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions from FRANK GRAMM,
Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on
MONDAY,
February 22, 1921, commencing at
2.15 p.m., at "Danottar,"
No. 81, The Peak.

Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc.,
therein contained.

As follows—
DRAWING ROOM—Arm-chairs and
Chamberfield (Ince - Crawford make),
Korean and Japanese Cabinets, Silver-
inlaid Blackwood Writing Table, Chairs,
Card Table, Stands, etc., Old Bronze
Figures, Curio, Paintings, etc., Axminster
Carpet 18 by 15, Serge and Lace
Curtains.

DINING ROOM—Fumed Teak mirror
back Sideboard, Dinner Wagon, Side
Table and Chairs (Lane Crawford make),
Cutlery, Plate, Glass Ware, Dinner and
Tea Service, Dessert Services,
Lampes, etc.

BED ROOMS—Fumed Teak Bed
Room Suite (Twin Beds) Lane Crawford
make, Toilet Sets, Bed Linen, etc., Bath
Room Utensils (Porcelain Lavatory
Basin), Kitchen Utensils,
etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, February 17, 1921.

S.S. "LIEN SHING."

NOTICE.

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about 20 fathoms near Cape Varella)

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kong. Such cargo, as may remain in
the wreck will be sold at the same
time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo
being kept separate. Any persons or
corporations having any claims in
respect of the proceeds of the cargo
are required to send notice thereof to
Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. before the 4th
day of February, 1921.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

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rarily for the purpose of regrading.
Patrons are, therefore, kindly requested
to use the steps opposite the main
entrance until completion of such work.

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24th February, 1921.

AT the request of numerous Patrons,
after the above from a Sapper Ball to a
Fancy Dress Dinner Ball; therefore,
tables may be booked on the usual
lines, and holders of the Sapper Dance
Tickets can obtain a refund on presen-
tation of such tickets.

The charge per head for the Dinner
Ball will be on similar lines to the
usual WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY
DANCES.

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MONDAY, 21st February, at 9 p.m.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
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GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will
be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 19th Feb-
ruary, 1921, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
11th February to the 15th February,
(both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 31, 1921.

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ANNUAL MEETING of the
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will be held at the Offices of the Com-
pany, St. George's Building, Charter
Road, Victoria, Hongkong on TUES-
DAY, the 22nd day of February, 1921,
at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the Directors
for the year ending December 31st, 1920
and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1921,
until TUESDAY, the 22nd February,
1921 both days inclusive.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1921.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
in this Corporation will be held at the
CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,
25th day of February, 1921, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Court of Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, 12th February, to
SATURDAY, 25th February, 1921,
(both days inclusive) during which
period no transfer of shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 5, 1921.

WANTED.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE FOR
PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

THE PEKING-HANKOW LINE OF
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
RAILWAYS invites sealed proposals of
bridge contractors for designing and
building a new steel bridge about 2,800
meters in length across the Yellow River
(Hwang-Ho). Proposals will be received
up to noon of Feb 20th, 1921, at
the office of Peking-Hankow Railway,
Fukien, China, plans, rules and
specifications can be obtained from the
following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway,
American, British, Belgian, French,
Italian, and Japanese Legations.
Foreign: Chinese Legations, Wash-
ington, London, Brussels, Paris, Rome
and Tokyo.

All applications for same must be
accompanied with pounds 6 for foreign
countries and with dollars 30 for Peking.

PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY

ADMINISTRATION.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

FOR the erection by Public Sub-
scription, of a building to be
run on Y.M.C.A. lines, to be called
the WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
and to be managed for the joint use
of the Navy, the Army and Civilian
by a Joint Board of Directors.

A portion of the sum raised will
be devoted to the erection of a
permanent stone memorial which
will be put in hand at an early date.

Lists may be found at—

Messrs. Lane Crawford.

Kelly & Walsh.

Montrose.

Wai. Powell, Ltd.

Hongkong Cricket Club.

Club Lusitano.

Engineers Institute.

Victoria Recreation Club.

Kowloon Cricket Club.

Kowloon Bowling Club.

Peak Club.

Club de Recreation.

Craigiepower Club.

M. J. BREEN.

Hon. Secretary,
War Memorial Committee.

"PROHIBITION PERIL."

LORD READING'S VIEWS.

"WATER NOT THE BEST DRINK."

Remarkable allegations about Lon-
don's drinking water were made be-
fore the Lord Chief Justice (Lord
Reading) in the King's Bench Division
recently, when Mr. J. T. Briscoe, an
engineer and surveyor of the Enfield
District Council, sued the Sanitary
Publishing Company, Ltd., for dam-
ages for alleged libel in an article pub-
lished in the Municipal Engineering
and Sanitary Record.

The council, it was stated for Mr.
Briscoe, had been fined twice for al-
lowing matter from the sewage
works to flow into the River Lea.
The publication, commenting on this,
said that other health authorities acted
on the advice of competent sewage
engineers, and added: "We advise
the Enfield Council to do likewise for
their own credit, and protect the rate-
payers against further waste of money
on misdirected schemes."

Mr. Briscoe complained that this
was a libel on him, because it re-
flected on his competency.
He agreed, when cross-examined
by Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., that
the River Lea formed part of the area
from which drinking water for London
was taken and that it was wrong to
allow crude sewage water to go into
the river and so prejudice public
health.

Expert evidence was given by emi-
nent sanitary engineers in support of
Mr. Briscoe's case.

Mr. Godfrey M. Taylor said that
other councils who were in a similar
position to that of the Enfield Coun-
cil, and who were still polluting the
Thames or its tributaries, were Swin-
don, Chertsey, and Reading (on the
Kennet, which feeds the Thames).
"In fact," he said, "the Metropoli-
tan Water Board is chlorinating the
Thames water because of its pollu-
tion."

The Lord Chief Justice: Then there
is an advantage in not enacting pro-
hibition in this country. Water is
not the best thing to drink.
The hearing was adjourned.

JANITOR'S £50,000.

WILL NOT LEAVE HIS JOB.

A janitor named William R. Han-
son, of Malden, Mass., has no com-
pensation about accepting an inheri-
tance of £50,000, such as was en-
tertained by Charles Garland, of Bur-
zard's Bay, who would not like his
£200,000 share of his father's estate.
Hanson was busy cleaning windows
when he was told that he had come
into his fortune through the death of
his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, of
Chicago, widow of James Moore, who
died some years ago leaving over
£200,000.

Owing to fortunate investments
during the war the estate has been
doubled.

When an acquaintance congratulated
Hanson and asked him if he wanted
a valet, he replied in the negative.
"I'm not quitting this job," he said.
"I'm going to enjoy the money all
right, but I will not quit work. My
present job looks good to me, and
I'm going to stick."

Questioned as to what he would do
with the money, he said: "Oh I'll
probably smoke better cigars, and
take an occasional auto ride, but that's
all."

A loud guffaw was his answer as to
whether he would follow the example
of Charles Garland.

CURED OF MALARIA BY

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS

8 YEARS AGO AND

STILL WELL.

Striking Testimony from Burma.

Mr. D. T. Paul was station master at
Thamagady, on the Burma Govern-
ment Railway, in 1912 when he gave the
following testimony. Seen again re-
cently at Gyobingank Railway Station,
Burma, where he is now station master,
he reported himself as still in excellent
health. What better evidence could
be wished as to the permanence of the
cure wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills!

"The malarial attacks used to start
with a feeling of lassitude and pains in
my back and lower limbs," said Mr.
Paul. "Meals became repugnant. Pro-
longed fits of shivering followed and
left my body cold all over. Then my
temperature would rise until perspira-
tion simply poured out of me. These
continued attacks made me very thin and
weak. None of the so-called remedies
I tried did me any good."

"A friend told me that the only sure
cure was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, so I
saved them a trial. After a week's treat-
ment I felt that these Pills were invig-
orating me. I was wonderful how
soon my appetite returned and refresh-
ing sleep came to me at night. When
getting up in the morning I felt bright
and contented. A three weeks' course
of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills made another
and stronger man of me."

"As a remedy for diseases arising from
vitiated, watery blood or disordered
nerves Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for
Pale People, the famous Blood Builder
and Nerve Tonic, have a world-wide
reputation. They are obtainable from
medicine vendors everywhere, also post
free, 1 bottle for \$1.00, 6 bottles \$5.00,
from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co.,
90 Soochow Road, Shanghai."

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APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

January 27th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

Best Sirloin, - Mel Long Pa ..	19
Prime Cut	21
Ourood, - Ham Ngau Yek ..	20
Roast, - Shin	19
Breast, - Ngau Nam	16
Scap, - Tong Yek	16
Steak, - Ngau Yek Pa	19
Steak Sirloin, - Ngau Lan ..	35
Sausages, - Ngau Ching ..	25
Sallock's Brains, - Ngau No per set	10
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Tongue, cured, - Ham Ngau Li	each 60 cents

Head, - Ngau Tan	80
Heart, - Ngau Sam ..	

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1921.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Each interest quite naturally opposes taxation that touches itself, and it is not necessary to take all the objections raised too seriously. With our opium revenue doomed, if not to extinction, at least to an amount less useful than it was, we shall have to make up our minds to forms of taxation from which we have hitherto been happily free. Of these evils, it is wisdom to choose the least, and we fancy that, if a list of other possibilities loomed up, or the half-formed projects of the Government were realized, even the interests concerned would not oppose with more than formal strength the proposal to continue the Light Dues Special Assessment. "In view of the financial requirements of the Colony," says the Colonial Secretary, "it is expedient to continue the collection of light dues at the present rates." There can be no effective rebuttal of that statement that does not show some other expedient and less objectionable way of getting the money. At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, Hamlet might fittingly have been quoted, taking that passage in the soliloquy which speaks of the advantages of bearing the ills we have rather than flying to others we know not of.

We did not expect, after our experiences, that the list of houses and flats which are being built with loans advanced by the Government would be forthcoming. We asked for it, and were referred to an unofficial member. He asked for it, and was refused. After that

we challenged the Government to publish it, alleging that after the flourish with which the loan scheme was announced, the list of actual allocations would look queer. As a genuine encouragement of home building the scheme was made farcical. We have yet to learn how far the public is to be made better off by subsidizing the rich estate companies.

The cramped and depressing quarters which are the present Lunatic Asylum have been a byword so long that we have tired of talking of them. Perhaps now that Kowloon is asking for a proper place, Victoria may get one. The present place would very soon turn a sane inmate into a lunatic, and it may safely be surmised that some cases that might have recovered must have been made chronic in these extraordinary quarters.

As for the Economic Resources Commission, it may be remembered that the China Mail exposed one of its questionnaires. The intention behind some of the questions was manifestly such that we need not expect full and frank findings. The origin of the Commission, as we showed at the time, made it a never meant for us, or for places like Hongkong, our chief economic resources being to take in other people's washing.

Without intending it, probably, Mr. Pollock in his seventh question moots a legal reform (with an eye on the *mi sui* system) that was agitated here fourteen years ago. The insertion of the words "medical aid" after "clothing" in the clause of the 1865 Ordinance, will make it a criminal neglect where Christian Scientists and similar believers do not call in the doctor to sick children.

We propose to give closer attention and much more careful scrutiny to the Amending Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance than we have so far had time to do.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

LIST OF HOUSING LOANS MADE PUBLIC.

NO MORE ADVANCES.

PROHIBITION OF CRACKER BOMBS BOUGHT.

QUESTIONS BY MR. HOLYOAK.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

H. E. the Governor presided, and there were present:

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B.

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.

The Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.

The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer.

The Acting Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins.

The Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. S. C. B. Ross.

The Director of Education, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Farr.

Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Acting Director of Public Works, took the oath as a member of the Council.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary tabled the Financial Minutes, and the Juries List for 1921.

The Colonial Secretary submitted the following resolution, which was taken as read:

Whereas it is expected that the total Revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the Typhoon Refuge at Moakoktsui;

And whereas an undertaking was given that this Special Assessment would not be continued after the above-mentioned sum had been raised unless a new Resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council;

And whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of Light Dues at the present rates;

It is hereby resolved by this Council that Light Dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table F of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, No. 10 of 1899.

The Colonial Secretary said, with regard to the resolution, that it had been proposed that 23 cents should be levied on shipping. In connection with the Typhoon Refuge, in deference to the shipping interests the dues had been reduced to 2 cents.

The shipping interests then had drawn a doleful picture. The necessity of additional revenue was as urgent now as in 1908. The Government had incurred and was going to incur additional expense in the installation of diaphane apparatus and directional wireless. The continuation of light dues at their present level, he said, constitutes no improper burden on shipping.

Mr. Holyoak asked that the question be not discussed at length now but continued until a later meeting. He said he was not ready at the moment to say that the Chamber of Commerce was prepared to oppose the action. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce had frankly been astounded that this was included in the programme without notice. He asked that the resolution be adjourned to the next meeting.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded.

H. E. the Governor said he had no objection to putting it over to next meeting.

Mr. Holyoak gave notice of the following questions:

MR. HOLYOAK'S QUESTIONS.

(1) Will the Government state when they hope to open the separate

Maternity Ward of the Barker Road Hospital?

(2) Have the recommendations of the Coroner's jury on the "Tsi O" tragedy been carried out as regards two European Policemen being stationed at out stations?

(3) Will the Government, in view of the recent tragedy at West Point, wherein several persons lost their lives and many were injured take steps at once to prohibit the sale of all so-called "Bombs" in this Colony, and further to enforce existing legislation against the throwing of crackers, stones or other missiles from verandahs of houses and buildings into the roadway?

(4) In view of the general and considerable increase in Motor Traffic in this Colony, and the probability that it will still further increase ere long, will the Government appoint a small committee to enquire into and revise traffic conditions and regulations?

(5) In view of the fact that the Chamber of Commerce has recently received many complaints concerning the efficiency of the Fire Brigade service, more particularly aloft, and that there is a general feeling that it is not properly equipped for dealing with a serious harbour conflagration, will the Government at once appoint a Commission or Committee of enquiry into the gear and administration of the Fire Brigade?

H. E. the Governor said, with regard to the last question, that when Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe left the Colony it was with the intention of devoting some time to getting information on the subject at Home. The Governor said that on Mr. Wolfe's return he would confer with him and consider the matter.

Mr. Holyoak said that on this assurance he would withdraw the question.

ANSWERS TO MR. POLLOCK.

The answers to the questions asked by Mr. Pollock, concerning which he had given notice, were then read. They follow:

(1) In view of the pressing need of room for further office accommodation in this Colony, will the Government approach the Military Authorities with a view to the Murray Parade Ground being handed over to the Government at an early date?

(1) Answer.—The Government is in correspondence with the Military Authorities on the subject.

(2) For the convenience of those who desire to build houses for their own occupation, will the Government state the terms and conditions upon which it is prepared to grant loans for the building of such houses?

(2) Answer.—The Government regrets that it does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advances for building houses.

(3) Will the Government give a list of the various houses and flats which are being built with loans advanced by the Government and the dates of such respective loans and the estimated respective dates of completion of such houses and flats?

(3) Answer.—The list is as follows:—

(See foot of column.)

(4) Will the Government consider the advisability of a Mental Ward for the care of the insane being established in connection with the proposed New Hospital at Kowloon, so that those who are mentally afflicted may not be confined in the cramped and depressing quarters which are comprised in the present Lunatic Asylum?

(4) Answer.—It is not desirable to have a mental ward in a hospital. Any extension of the existing arrangements for the temporary detention in

the Colony of insane persons, while awaiting transport elsewhere, would involve the establishment of a separate Asylum.

(5) What progress is being made by the Economic Resources Commission and how soon may some report from that Commission be expected?

(5) Answer.—The Committee held its final meeting on February 14. A number of reports by various Sub-Committees endorsed by the Committee will be issued very shortly.

(6) Will the Government appoint a small Committee of experts for the purpose of considering the feasibility of extending the system of water closets in this Colony by the pumping up of sea-water from the Harbour and by the provision of a kind of pipe which will not be corroded by sea-water?

(6) Answer.—The Government is prepared to appoint a Committee.

(7) Will the Government introduce a Bill to amend section 26A of the Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865, (which was introduced by Ordinance 9 of 1913) by inserting the words "medical aid" after "clothing" in the clause defining neglect of children and young persons, in order to bring the law of the Colony in line with the law of England, i.e., a 12 (1) of the Children's Act, 1908?

(7) Answer.—The question of retaining the words "medical aid" in the English Act or a variation of those words to suit local conditions was carefully considered when Ordinance 9 of 1913 was being drafted, and it was decided to omit them. There has been no change in the circumstances which caused the Government to arrive at that decision and it is not therefore considered desirable to amend the section in the manner proposed.

(8) In view of the fact that, in 1917 and 1918, many months of repeated representations by the Government and the Naval and Military Authorities and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the China Association were required in order to obtain Exchange Compensation for the Officers and men of the Services, will the Government now co-operate with the local Naval Authorities in protesting against the recent proposal of the Home Authorities to impose Income Tax upon the Exchange Compensation granted to those who are serving under the Admiralty on this Station?

(8) Answer.—The matter is not one in which the Government of Hongkong can intervene.

With regard to the answer to question No. 4, Mr. Pollock said the question did not deal with the establishment of a mental ward inside the hospital, but in connection with it.

With regard to the answer to question 5, Mr. Pollock said he thought that implied publicity.

The Governor replied that this was what it was intended to convey.

VEHICLES BILL.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

1. It is intended that exclusive rights of running a motor omnibus service in Kowloon and New Kowloon shall be granted in the near future, and the object of this Bill is to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, so as to provide the necessary powers to do so.

2. Exclusive rights will be granted in order to secure a regular service to outlying districts, which would not be possible under a system of free competition, and it is also anticipated that by this method a better service will be provided generally for the public.

3. The opportunity has also been taken to add a definition of "motor vehicle" to section 2 of the principal Ordinance, and to increase the penalty imposed by section 4 of the principal Ordinance, in order to bring it into line with other legislation of a similar character.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock asked what were the terms and provisions the Government proposed to grant.

Hon. Mr. Kemp: The term is four years.

The bill was read a first time.

WIDOWS' PENSION BILL.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

1. The object of this Bill is to exempt from the operation of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, (a) the Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force and (b) all Government servants whose pay is less than \$420 per annum. \$420 per annum is the minimum pay in the clerical service under the revised salaries scheme. It is believed that the classes affected will welcome the relief from liability to contribute to a fund which is not so useful to them as to those members of the service to whom the Ordinance will still apply.

2. Existing contributors are given by clause 3 the choice between continuing to contribute and withdrawal. In the latter event, they will receive back half of the total amount of their contributions, without interest. Officers on leave at the commencement of the Ordinance are allowed until one month after return from leave to make their election between continuance and withdrawal. All other officers are allowed until one month after the commencement of the Ordinance to make their election.

3. The rights of officers who shall have left the service before the commencement of the Ordinance will not be affected.

4. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914, is repealed because it merely introduced the definition of the term officer which is now being repealed.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to—

authorize the making of by-laws in respect of Hoi's Wharf.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The meeting then went into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Coming out of committee the Bill was read a third time, and there being no objections, it was passed.

The meeting went into committee to consider the Juries List for 1921. Afterwards the Finance Committee considered the Financial Minutes.

FINANCE MINUTES.

The following votes recommended by H. E. the Governor came before the Finance Committee and were approved:—

\$3,625 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Repairs to Railway Embankment.

\$2,000 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges, Secret Service.

\$8,474 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads, Road contouring Mount Gough and forming sites for Quarters.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages.

\$750 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Expenses in connection with motor drivers.

\$1,200 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Additional Hydrants and Main for Kowloon Station.

\$14,800 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Locomotives.

One fatal case of small pox, Chinese, was reported yesterday. The corpse was found at Homantin and taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

BRIDGE POST-MORTEMS.

IRRITATING HABIT.

WHY RUB IN WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED.

Many Auction Bridge players are addicted to the little game of "IL."

"If you had only done so and so, partner, you would have won the game."

But the partner did not do so and so. The matter is finished. Why then "rub in" the mistake? writes A. B. Manning Foster to the *Daily Mail*.

The occasional intelligent discussion of a difficult hand or a knotty point of play may be interesting and instructive. But that is quite a different matter from the wearisome custom of playing over again every trick.

The post-mortem fad simply will not be denied. If at the end of a game neither his partner nor opponents indulge in any criticism or comment, he will explain elaborately why he played as he did.

No one wants to know and no one cares. But that does not deter him in the least.

"You see," he will say, "I had to take that finesse before I drew trumps. Because if it had gone wrong I might have been in trouble. If only 'B' had not led a heart I should have made a Little Slam."

All the time it is a question of "IL." When a player finds a particularly good hand put down in dummy, the post-mortem man must observe: If that hand had been with one of us what a double we should have had!

It is a funny thing that the people who say this kind of thing do not realise its futility.

If you have played a hand really well and made more tricks than you ought to have done, it rather detracts from the brilliance of your play when you start explaining why you did it. Leave it alone.

The limits of fair criticism and just comment to Bridge have not and cannot be defined exactly. They are mainly a matter of good feeling and good taste.

Many players do not object to their partner pointing out their mistakes so long as it is tactfully and considerately done, but they resent, and rightly so, the "butting-in" of their opponents.

But the player with the post-mortem habit cannot resist indulging his passion. Even when he is sitting out he will point out to the members of the table exactly what they could, might, or should have done. And he is never so happy as when he can call attention to a revoke unnoticed by all four players!

No amount of snubbing cures the victim of the post-mortem obsession. His remarks may be received in icy silence or may be actively resented, but he does not mind.

He is seldom a really good player. His comments are often preposterous and absurd. His premises are frequently faulty and his deductions false. When right, he is a trial of patience; when wrong he is an intolerable nuisance.

A "WHISTLER" MYSTERY.

AMAZING FRAUD.

PICTURE'S INTERESTING HISTORY.

What is alleged to be one of the most amazing picture frauds ever perpetrated is at present being inquired into by M. Bonin, Examining Magistrate. It is a case of a study of flowers in a pot without a handle and plums on a pewter plate, painted by the French artist Sassy, and sold by him for 85*fr.* The allegation is that this work of art has now turned up as a "Whistler" painting, to obtain which two collectors were contesting, for 150,000*fr.* M. Sassy, who painted the picture in 1906, called at the Figueur Gallery, in the Avenue Malakoff, the other day, and was amazed to find what he holds to be his picture signed "Whistler," and dated 1859. The painter at once rushed to M. Lavaysse, chief of the Department for the Repression of Frauds, taking with him the pot and pewter plate which had served as models, and a photograph of his painting. M. Lavaysse went to the Figueur Gallery and seized the picture, which, it seems, has had an interesting history. Bought in Paris in 1906, it was found in London five years later in the hands of a City merchant, who sold it to a Parisian for 500*fr.* Not being certain of its genuineness, the buyer sold it a few months later to M. Figueur, who parted with it in 1912 to a German merchant living in Paris for 2,000*fr.* The property of the German is under sequestration, and on examining his books, the head of the Department for the Repression of Frauds learned that the picture had been sold to a Paris collector, who, desiring to get rid of his gallery, handed the supposed Whistler, with other pictures, over to M. Figueur. To the mind of M. Figueur there is no doubt about the authenticity of the Whistler, which, he says, is mentioned in a book on the American painter's works by M. Theodore Duret, an art expert—who, however, not having seen the picture seized nor M. Sassy, whom he does not know, cannot say whether it is the same study which he had mentioned in his book published ten years ago.

Lot No.	Locality.	No. of houses or flats.	Date of completion of buildings.	Borrowers.	Amount agreed to be lent.	Amount already lent.	Date of First Advance.
1. I.L. 2139	May Road	6 flats	30.10.21	Humphrey's Estate			
	do.	12 "	15.3.22				
K.I.L. 574	Hart Avenue	18 "	30.6.21	Company Limited	\$500,000	\$200,000	2.9.20.
2. K.I.L. 4171	—	12 "	15.2.21	Procurement Spanish Missions.	80,000	80,000	14.9.20.
3. K.I.L. 102	Nathan Road	15 "	31.3.21	Kayamally & Co.	50,000	50,000	31.7.20.
4. H.K.I.L. 19, 20, 22 and 23.	Shamshuipo	32 houses	1.6.21	Li Ping.	100,000	84,000	18.9.20.
5. K.I.L. 615	Kimberley Road	12 flats	1.1.22	H. M. H. Nemazee	120,000	30,000	1.2.21.
6. Taiipo	Taiipo	1 house	completed	R. Baker	6,000	6,000	31.12.20.
7. I.L. 76	St. Paul's College	Hostel	"	Archbishop of Canterbury	50,000	50,000	14.7.20.
8. I.L. 59 & 579	Rear St. Joseph's College	Not known yet	Not known yet	Vicar Apostolic	75,000	nothing	—

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It forms part of a telegram addressed on 30th November last by the Council of the League of Nations to the Prime Ministers of France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan, reminding them of two previous communications in which the Council asked to be furnished with these Powers' proposals in time to report upon them to the Geneva Assembly. The remainder is almost equally sharp in tone.

Such straight talk did credit to the Council as a loyal interpreter of the essential principles of the Covenant. Significant, too, was the recognition that the public opinion of the world, outside of the Foreign Offices, is strongly moved, and that such a fact is appealed to as a corrective of diplomatic chicanery. In respect of no part of the Covenant or of the Treaty does the conduct of the principal Allies present an aspect more suggestive of a desire to evade plain commitments. In a memorandum transmitted by this Council to the Assembly on the 6th of December, when they were still without the text of any Mandates it is noted that Article 22 of the Covenant lays down two essential principles which apply to all peoples not yet able to stand by themselves who have ceased to be under the sovereignty of the State which formerly governed them. (1) It is a sacred trust of civilisation to assure the well-being and development of these peoples. (2) To ensure the performance of this trust the Covenant stipulates certain guarantees: the tutelage of such peoples will be entrusted to the nations which, by reason of their resources, their experience, or their geographical position, can best undertake this responsibility. They will exercise this tutelage as Mandatories on behalf of the League. So far, good; but neutral members of the Assembly at Geneva were by no means prepared to assent to the Council's interpretations of the provisions of the Covenant and the Treaty in this connection. A further passage of the same memorandum maintained that the right to allot the Mandates belonged to the principal Allied and Associated Powers, because, though Article 22 makes no provision as to who should do this, Article 119 of the Treaty transfers the sovereignty over the late German colonies to those Powers, and Article 118 stipulates that steps should be taken by the Powers to carry into effect the full consequences of Article 119. This inference was not accepted by a good many neutral delegates and expert jurists in the Assembly. It is of course, not accepted by Germany, who has protested against it, the counter argument being that the Covenant and the Treaty are one, and that, as the Covenant contemplates that the Mandatories shall be agents of and responsible to the League, it is implied that they shall be appointed by it, and that the steps to be taken by the Powers should have been steps to procure such designation. The point is important, for if Mandates are abused, who is, if necessary, to revoke and reassign them as the mandate to King Leopold for the Congo State was revoked and reassigned? But it was obviously not to be hoped that the self-mandated Powers would pay the slightest heed to any argument on it, so that no such principle could be asserted by the Assembly which must be unanimous. Unless the rights of sovereignty are expressly transferred to the League, the Mandatories, it would therefore appear, are permanently secure in their position and will not be removable by the League for any failure or breach of trust. It will take a new war to do that. The authority of the League over its Mandatories will thus be exclusively moral and suasive. What a commentary on President Wilson's plan: "We are done with annexations."

Dissemination was still more acute over the meaning of the words, "The degree of authority, etc., to be exercised by the Mandatory shall, if not previously agreed upon by the members of the League, be explicitly defined in each case by the Council." This sentence was brought out ready-framed by Mr. Wilson from the Supreme Council to the Commission then sitting to deal with and advise on the question of the future government of these territories. The Commission did not discuss it; but apparently took it at its face value, namely, as meaning that the Assembly should have the right to determine the terms of the Mandates. Evidently, Lord Robert Cecil, who was on that Commission, so understood it, for he asserted that view in Parliament. The Council, however, decided that the right reading should be as follows: "The degree of authority, control or administration to be exercised by the Mandatory, shall, if not previously agreed upon by those signatories of the Treaty of Versailles who are Members of the League of Nations, be explicitly defined by the Council." One wonders what the observations of any judge would be on such a proposed substitution.

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However, as it is, these signatories are in default, and Mr. Balfour has now informed the Assembly that the Council will keep in its own hands all powers with regard to Mandates. The Assembly had to swallow this decision. It is at any rate preferable from the point of view of League policy, to the previous situation, which was that the Mandatory Powers, or one or more of them, were juggling at the notion of framing any Mandates at all. The Council has laid it down that full administrative and legislative power shall belong to the Mandatory, that he shall supervise the suppression of the slave and the control of arms and munitions. He shall forbid the supply of alcohol to the Natives and shall present an annual report to the League. But the Council was not permitted to communicate any Mandate to the Assembly and only the text of certain "A" and "C" Mandates to the Special Commissions on Mandates under seal of secrecy. Such are the "open constants" which we get from the signatories of the Pact.

The suspicion that the self-appointed Mandatories have manoeuvred to burke the whole matter until the Assembly should be safely got through is one for which the Powers concerned have themselves to thank. The appendices to the Council's Report allow two causes of the delay to transpire: (1) That the French Government making reservations as to recruiting of native troops in the mandated areas, ignoring the stipulation of Article 22 as to military training of natives. (2) That Japan was protesting against her exclusion from equal opportunities in Northern New Guinea, her position being worse under the "C" Mandate assigned to Australia than it was when this territory was German.

And now—during the Assembly—a long shot has come from Washington claiming that, as the Government of the United States is one of the assignees of these territories under Article 119, it must have its say in the settlement of the Mandates, both to ensure equal freedom of trade and to guarantee this principle of trusteeship. Great Britain has herself to thank for this suspicion by reason of her action over "Nauru," and also for the suspicion that she does not want to have Mandates so particularising the essentials of slavery as to reflect upon her retrogression to the policy of forced labour in East Africa, or such Free Trade in Togoland and the Cameroons as would maintain an enclave in her area of monopolistic policy in regard to palm kernels.

And, finally, the whole business is suspect and the judgment of common opinion on the question has become cynical because, whereas Mr. Balfour's and President Wilson's preliminary assurances, and the literal terms of the Covenant, announce a perfectly consistent and intelligible new policy—that of self-determination, of a trust of civilisation in the interests of the indigenous peoples, the abstention from their exploitation, the abrogation of their military use or of the commercial monopoly of their territories, and the principle that a Mandatory is to be chosen because he is in a position to use his own resources in aid of these purposes—nothing whatever has been heard all these months of the interests of the native peoples, but everything has been dealt with from the standpoint of the interests of this or that Power in the acquisition of territory, the protection of its own trade and the exploitation of the resources of the Mandated area. Who that took Mr. Lloyd George's pre-Armistice utterances, President Wilson's introductory panegyric and the phrases of the Covenant seriously, can ever forget our Prime Minister's double-barrelled repudiation of them when he explained that Northern Syria had to be given to France, and Mosul to ourselves, in part compensation for our respective efforts and sacrifices!

Sydney Olivier, in the *New Statesman*.

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Per A.S. "Emador," yesterday—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Anderson, Mrs. Ambrose, Mr. R. Appel, Mrs. F. B. Bole, Messrs W. C. Basse, G. W. Bowen, Miss H. L. Bower, Messrs R. W. Burdick, E. W. Burckham, Mrs. R. S. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cohn, Mrs. J. R. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cadwallader, Miss A. Cole, Mr. A. S. Coffin, Mrs. F. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dehler, Mrs. E. A. Dimick, Mr. S. F. Doherty, Miss A. Doherty, Mr. E. H. Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doherty, Mr. R. Dollar, Mr. R. A. Dodd, Mr. G. L. Everett, Mr. H. R. Easton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. de Freitas, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Foylen, Mrs. E. S. Foy, Mr. F. C. Foy, Misses F. C. Fletcher, A. A. Guitierrez, Mrs. C. I. Goss, Miss A. V. Good, Mrs. L. Henderson, Misses A. Hook, E. Hagos, Mr. A. S. Hayward, Misses E. Irwin, R. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mr. H. Kuchmann, Jr., Miss M. Leadale, Mr. M. Leombo, Mr. E. J. Lambert, Miss M. C. McCord, Miss J. McPherson, Miss W. E. Muir, Mr. W. S. Mallory, Jr., Mr. T. H. Murray, O. W. Mahrt, Messrs J. R. Murray, J. C. Mathews, Mrs. W. F. Pease, Mr. N. G. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. S. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olinde, Miss L. Pritchard, Mr. C. S. Page, Miss P. Pritchard, Mr. F. L. Robbins, Miss R. Ridgway, Mrs. J. del Rivera, Misses R. Reid, A. Reid, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Simpson, Messrs R. C. Steiner, P. D. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Selby, Mrs. Y. G. Smith, Messrs W. Stoddard, F. E. Stoddard, Miss A. P. Thomas, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Woodman, Mr. J. Wright and Miss R. M. Yeratsky.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

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BRITISH ADMIRAL FETTERED.

ANAPOLIS, February 16th.
The British Admiral Lewis Bayly received an ovation at the Midshipmen Naval Academy when he spoke praising the splendid co-operation of American and British fleets in the war. Although the visit was unofficial Admiral Bayly was received with the Admiral's salute and a band paraded in his honour.

Admiral Bayly will be entertained at a banquet in New York by 150 American naval officers with whom he co-operated in the most cordial manner in the war. A throng of five seaplanes escorted the vessel, on which Admiral Bayly arrived from Colon, up New York Bay.

WIRELESS ACHIEVEMENT.

NEW YORK, February 16th.
Telephone conversations on a ship in the Atlantic and Catalina Island off California have been successfully accomplished through the combination of wireless and wire across the United States.

SIGNOR CARUSO DYING.

NEW YORK, February 16th.
Signor Caruso, who burst a blood-vessel, while singing, is believed to be dying. After a relapse last night extreme action was administered.

MANDATES COMMISSION.

LONDON, February 16th.
A number of representatives of feminists have sent a letter to the Press urging that at least one woman be included in the Mandates Commission appointed by the Council of the League of Nations in view of the questions affecting women and children.

M. POINCARÉ.

PARIS, February 16th.
M. Poincaré has been elected President of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. He received 18 to the 10 votes cast for the outgoing President.

FOURTH TEST MATCH.

MELBOURNE, February 15th.
Australia made 211 runs for 2 wickets and declared. Australia thus won by 8 wickets. Ryder made 52 unhit and Gregory 76 unhit for Australia.

U.S. NAVAL PROGRAMME.

NEW YORK, February 16th.
The House of Representatives has passed the 1915 naval construction programme, with the amendment that none of the money voted should be spent on ships not now constructing or for which contracts have not been signed; thus preventing the building of six battleships and a number of destroyers.

DISORDERLY SAILORS.

MAGISTRATE'S WARNING.

JAIL WITHOUT OPTION OF FINE.

That drunken sailors who cause trouble ashore will in future have to go to jail without the option of a fine if brought before him was the warning given by Magistrate Orme at the Magistrate's Court this morning when ordering Robert Macgregor, a seaman of H.M.S. "Hawkins" to pay a fine of \$20 or serve ten days' hard labour on charges of (1) having been drunk and disorderly, and acting in a riotous manner in Spring Garden Lane on the night of February 12, and (2) having caused damage to a door of one of the houses to the extent of \$2.

The defendant admitted that he was drunk, but said that while he would not deny the other charges he could not enter any plea as he did not remember what happened.

Sergeant Shafton, of No. 2, Police Station, said that about 9 p.m., on the 12th a girl came to the station and reported that a sailor was creating a disturbance in the lane. The witness went there and saw the defendant throwing stones into one of the houses. Attempts to persuade the defendant to enter a plea and go away failed. Defendant, who used very filthy language grasped witness by the legs and tried to throw him. Consequently witness had to draw his truncheon and hit the defendant on the head before he could quieten him. The large stone produced was alleged by the girls to have been hurled by the defendant into the house, damaging a door. This sort of thing was becoming common in Wanchai. Hitherto the police had settled such cases out of Court by asking the defendants to pay compensation, but lately these people had got into the habit of assaulting the police. Consequently the latter were forced to take the cases to Court as a protection to themselves. Only recently the Magistrate had a couple of cases of a similar character before him.

The Magistrate said that in the recent case before him he had dealt with the defendant leniently because he was not aware then that it was not the first case of the kind in the district.

The P. & O. S. "Kermela" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due on 21 inst. at about 5 p.m.

The C.P. S. S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Feb. 10, and is due at Yokohama on or about Feb. 23.

The O.P.S. S. "Montpelier" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Feb. 10 and is due at Yokohama on or about Feb. 23.

FUNERAL.

MR. J. H. GARDINER.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. H. Gardiner, solicitor, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, and was largely attended. The gathering was cosmopolitan, being representative of the European, Portuguese, Chinese and Indian communities of Hongkong—ample testimony, if such were needed, of the high popularity and esteem the deceased enjoyed in Hongkong.

The remains were brought from the deceased's residence, No. 3, Rose Terrace, Kowloon, by launch, and at the Observation Pier were transferred to the cortege.

Immediately behind the hearse walked the chief mourners, Mr. William Barker, Captain and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morrison (nurse), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brumby, Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. W. S. Brown, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. C. L. Low, Mr. D. O. da Silva, Messrs. T. Rowan and Lee Hon Chee, solicitors of the deceased's firm, and his Chinese staff.

At the Monument the procession was joined by a large number of mourners among whom were the following members of the legal profession: The Acting Chief Justice (the Hon. Mr. H. H. Gompertz), the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood), the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp), the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. G. K. Hall Bruntton, Mr. C. F. Mason, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. A. H. Crew, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. C. B. Johnson, Mr. A. E. Hall, Mr. J. M. Hall, Mr. F. E. Nash, Mr. C. H. Lyson, Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. H. K. Woo, and other solicitors.

There were also present the heads of various local business houses, officials of the Supreme Court and the Magistracy, Inspector Angus and representatives of the Police Force, Capt. Stevens and Messrs. J. H. Seth and Harold Seth. The general public brought up the rear.

The coffin was met at the gates of the cemetery by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle who led the procession to the graveside where a very impressive burial service was read.

After the grave had been filled in, a profusion of wreaths, numbering well over a hundred, were piled up on the deceased's last resting place. The floral tributes included wreaths from: "His sorrowing wife," "Dan," Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brumby, Capt. and Mrs. Wheeler, Frank and Annie Wheeler, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wolff, Mr. D. Logan and "his old friend," Mr. C. L. Low. His Hon. Mr. H. H. Gompertz (Chief Justice), Sir Boshan Wei Yuk, Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze, Messrs. Eldon Porter, F. C. Jenkin, F. X. d'Almada, J. M. Hall, G. R. Haywood, H. C. Lee, T. Rowan, C. H. Lyson, F. E. Nash, C. F. Mason, D. V. C. Stevenson, J. Scott Harrison, Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harrison, Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, Messrs. Dennis and Bowley, Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Bruntton & Co., Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Messrs. Lo and Lo, Messrs. Ramsay & Co., Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Mr. G. R. Haywood's staff, the Chinese staff of Mr. J. H. Gardiner's firm, the Christian Mutual Improvement Society, Messrs. A. Kwai & Co., Messrs. M. Mohideen & Co., Messrs. H. Rutonjee and Son, the Palace Motor Co., Messrs. Lammer Bros., Messrs. A. Sheung & Co., the staff of the Supreme Court, the bailiffs of the Supreme Court, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dutton, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Hearnley, Mrs. B. Brotherton Harker, Miss Laura Maria da Souza, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Kew and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Yung, Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Mr. and Mrs. Wicheil, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Liang Kin Han, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. N. Mody, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. A. el Arculli, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oxberry, Mrs. She Tat Tsoi and family, Mrs. Lai Chi Chin and godson, Mrs. and Miss Endell Rosser, Mrs. Ng Quinn and family, Dr. Asger, Inspector H. Pearson, Messrs. H. A. Nisbet, E. F. Abcott, L. E. Lammert, Henry S. Hall, Richard F. Brayn, H. Dreyer, E. B. Reed, A. G. Hewitt, W. L. Weaver, F. W. Quark, Harold Seth, M. W. Stevens, R.A.O.C., H. Percy Smith, G. C. Moxon, H. W. Ray, E. H. Ray, G. Harper, W. L. Ford, F. A. Chopard, H. V. Beaupaire, James C. Frewin, L. C. Parker Rees, D. A. Caldwell, C. E. Warren, T. H. G. Brayfield, H. R. Phelps, H. A. Lammert, F.

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COMPANY MEETING.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The 16th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., was held this morning at 11 o'clock in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. Mr. G. M. Dodwell, the Chairman, presided, and there were present Messrs. R. G. Shewan, A. O. Lang, S. Yasuda, and A. E. Crapnell, members of the Consulting Committee; Mr. C. Gerken, secretary; and the following shareholders, Messrs. E. Ezra, G. R. Edwards, M. S. Northcott, W. Van Epps, and Mr. Ellis.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said: Gentlemen, The Report and Accounts having been in your possession for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit on trading for the year under review amounts to \$59,005.01, a satisfactory increase over that of the previous year, and including interest and dividends on investments, and the carry forward from last year, there is an amount available for allocation of \$76,217.96.

There has been a heavy demand for water during the year and the Company's fleet has had to work constant overtime in order to cope with it. This has meant that, whilst the boats have been kept in good running condition, there has been little or no opportunity of laying up the older ones for a thorough overhaul. At the last annual meeting your attention was called to the fact that certain extraordinary expenses would probably be incurred in this connection in the near future. A new waterboat was completed and put into commission in November last and, with this addition to the fleet, your Superintendent considers that he will at last be able to lay up an older boat from time to time for the necessary repairs, replating, etc. I may mention that No. 3 waterboat is at the present moment being slipped for survey. These older boats will then be good for many years more of useful service. It is with this object in view that your General Managers and Consulting Committee have recommended a transfer to Special Repairs Fund of \$9,043.32, bringing it up to a total of \$30,000.00. Ordinary repairs can always be met out of current revenue, but it is advisable to have a substantial reserve to fall back upon when one is faced with the probability of having to incur extraordinary expenses of this nature.

One other item in the Report calls for some explanatory remarks, and that is the recommendation to transfer to Insurance Fund a sum of \$10,400.00, bringing it up to a total of \$30,000. This fund, I might remind you, originated in the days when the Company was still operating a few old wooden vessels on which insurance could not be effected except at prohibitive rates. It is thought advisable to increase this fund now to the above figure for the following reasons: Five of the Company's vessels are of considerable age and insurance cannot be effected for more than about \$22,000 on each vessel. In the event of loss, through typhoon or accident, the cost of replacing by a new building of a similar type stands to-day in the neighbourhood of \$60,000. By good fortune and careful supervision during the typhoon season any such loss to the fleet has been avoided in the past, but it is a contingency for which your General Managers and Consulting Committee consider due and sufficient provision should be made in your reserves.

I think you will agree, gentlemen, that with the allocations to reserve as recommended for these special purposes, your Company will stand in a very sound position and need fear no embarrassment if called upon to face contingencies of the nature I have pointed out to you as possible.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as circulated be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. Ezra: I have much pleasure in recommending the adoption of the reports and accounts.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The only other business is the election of an auditor for the ensuing year.

Mr. G. R. Edwards proposed, and Mr. A. O. Lang seconded, the election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., as auditor at a remuneration of \$300. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That is all the business. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are ready and may be had on application.

Lammert, C. D. Melbourne, J. F. Grose, C. R. da Rosa, J. M. P. da Silva, C. F. V. Ribeiro, A. U. da Souza, M. A. Razack, R. Pestonji, M. Baptista, A. J. M. Gomes, T. Henry Young, Ng Wah, Pun Tat Ming, Lam Chak Ming, Hung Hong Chuen, Che Chan Lau, Young Hee, Fung Tat Hang, So Shek Chung, Chan Sap Chiu, Woo King Ping, Wong Kien Ki, L. A. Chanson, Lo Wa Kan, Ip Kin Shing, A. V. Young, Au Toz Hi, Chan Yuk Shan, Wong Siu Wipon, Chan Shik, Pun Yun Tong, Wo Po Keung, Wong Kam Fuk, S. A. B. Bux, M. Hussain, Mota Singh, Oyager Singh, Deva Singh, and Kher Singh.

BANK REPORT.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The 105th report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, February 26, 1921, at noon. To the Proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for that period, including \$3,262,847.20, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, amount to \$12,104,013.50.

During the year an addition of £1,000,000 was made to the Sterling Reserve, \$3,529,411.76 of the Silver Reserve being employed for that purpose at exchange of 5/8 per Dollar. The Sterling Reserve now stands at \$2,500,000.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$2,029,411.76 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve, which will then stand at \$21,500,000.

They also recommend writing off Bank Premises Account the sum of \$1,000,000.

After making these transfers, deducting the Interim Dividend of £3 per share, paid on August 9 last, viz.—£360,000 at 3/8=£1,963,636.36, and remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$7,080,965.38, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of Three Pounds Sterling per Share, viz., £360,000, and a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling per Share, viz., £240,000, amounting in all to £600,000 which at 3/2, the rate of the day, will absorb \$3,789,473.69.

The Balance \$3,291,491.69 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Sterling and Other Gold Securities have been written down to prices ruling on December 31, 1920, and the depreciation in the £1578,947 7s. 5d. 5/8 War Loan has been provided for out of the current profits of the year.

The Sterling equivalents of the various accounts are shown at 3/2, the rate ruling on the last day of the year.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. G. T. M. Edkins has been elected Chairman for the year 1921, and Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Deputy Chairman.

The Honourable Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. Ross Thomson have resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mr. A. O. Lang were invited to fill the vacancies.

These appointments require confirmation at this Meeting.

The Honourable Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. A. H. Compton and the Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. E. A. M. Williams, who offer themselves for re-election.

E. V. D. PARR, Chairman.

Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1920.

	STERLING EQUIVALENT	DOLLARS
Paid-up Capital	£ 2,375,000 0 0	\$15,000,000.00
Sterling Reserve	2,500,000 0 0	15,789,473.67
Silver Reserve	3,062,843 2 9	19,470,588.24
Marine Insurance Account	39,583 6 8	250,000.00
Notes in Circulation		
(Authorised and Additional Issue against Securities and Coin deposited with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, their Trustees, and the Hongkong Government)	4,644,337 10 4	29,332,658.00
Current Accounts	53,316,418 6 9	336,735,273.71
Fixed Deposits	18,102,301 9 10	114,330,325.22
Bills Payable		
(Including Call Loans and Short Sight Drawings on London Office and Drafts on London Bankers)	1,002,226 16 9	6,329,853.71
Acceptances on Account of Constituents	1,181,401 19 5	7,461,486.13
Profit and Loss Account	1,600,809 14 3	10,110,377.14
	£87,844,922 6 9	\$554,810,035.82
Liability on Bills of Exchange rediscounted, £16,276,773.13 of which £13,331,106.13 have since run off.		
ASSETS.	STERLING EQUIVALENT	DOLLARS
Cash (including \$15,500,000 Coia lodged with the Hongkong Government against authorised and/or excess note circulation)	£19,651,333 9 10	\$124,113,685.22
Bullion in hand and in transit	891,672 15 8	5,631,617.89
British Government, Indian, Colonial and other Securities (including Sterling Reserve Investments, £1578,947 7s. 5d. 5/8 War Loan 1920/1947 @ 95 = £1,500,000)	5,125,627 16 1	32,372,336.11
Bills Discounted, Loans and Credits	25,615,132 9 4	161,779,784.00
Bills Receivable	34,096,829 11 9	213,342,081.62
Liabilities of Constituents for acceptances, per contra	1,181,401 19 5	7,461,486.13
Bank Premises	1,283,924 3 8	8,108,994.85
	£87,844,922 6 9	\$554,810,035.82

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

	STERLING EQUIVALENT	DOLLARS
360,000 0 0 To Interim Dividend—		
Paid on August 9, 1920 £3/- per Share on 120,000 Shares=£360,000 @ 3/8=		\$1,963,636.36
Remuneration to Directors		30,000.00
Final Dividend—		
£3/- per Share on 120,000 Shares = £360,000, at 3/2 =	\$2,789,473.69	
Bonus of £2 per Share on 120,000 Shares = £240,000 at 3/2 =	1,515,789.48	
Transfer to Silver Reserve	2,029,411.76	
Transfer to Bank Premises Account	1,000,000.00	
Balance forward to next year	3,291,491.69	
		10,110,377.14
		\$12,104,013.50

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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STERLING EQUIVALENT	CREDIT.	DOLLARS.
516,617 9 6 By Balance of Undivided Profits, Dec. 31 1919—\$3,262,847.20 @ 4/10 1/2 (rate of 12/12/19) =		
276,319 0 1 By Amount of Net Profits for the year ending Dec. 31 1920, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts and contingencies, deducting all Expenses and Interest paid and due		8,841,166.30
1,448,942 4 10*		12,104,013.50
* Interim Dividend £360,000 paid at 3/8 per contra		
£1,965,559 14 4		\$12,104,013.50

STERLING RESERVE.	Sterling.
To Balance	£2,500,000 0 0
	\$2,500,000 0 0
SILVER RESERVE.	Dollars.
To Balance	\$21,500,000.00
	\$21,500,000.00
By Balance December 31, 1919	\$23,000,000.00
Less transfer to Sterling Reserve £1,000,000 @ 5/8 =	3,529,411.76
	19,470,588.24
By Transfer from Profit & Loss Account	2,029,411.76
	\$21,500,000.00

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager. E. V. D. PARR, JOHN JOHNSTONE, Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN, Acting Chief Accountant. G. M. DODWELL.
We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns from the various Branches and Agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

With the exception of certain distant offices, where the year is closed on October 31 or November 30, all Branch and Agency accounts are made up to December 31.

F. MAITLAND, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, C.A., F.S.A.A., Auditors.
Hongkong, February 15, 1921.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.**"PASSPORT" ISSUED BY SOVIET AGENT AT SYDNEY.****ARRESTS IN FRANCE.**

PARIS, February 17.

An examination of the persons arrested in connection with the communist movement in France has established the fact that the alleged Bolshevik agent, Abramovich, had a deposit of 200,000 francs in an American bank in Paris, the money coming from a German bank. A number of further arrests have been made throughout France, also in Algeria and Tunis. A man named John Minkin who was arrested at Brest was found to possess a "passport" signed by a representative of the Soviet Government at Sydney, Australia. The police have discovered large quantities of stolen explosives in the houses of four men known to be Bolshevik sympathisers.

LABOUR EXTREMISTS DEFEATED.

PARIS, February 15.

A Havas message states: The extremist faction of the General Labour Confederation was again defeated in the ballot for the election of directors of the Paris Labour Exchange. The papers consider the result extremely important as it shows that the extremist agitation is wholly superficial, the syndicates or unions remaining decidedly hostile to Soviet dictation. Two further arrests were made today in connection with the communist plot.

ALLIED DEBTS.**NO SECRET UNDERSTANDING FOR CANCELLATION.**

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, February 16.

Mr. Thomas Lamont, a member of the American Peace Delegation to Paris, has visited President-elect Harding and given an unqualified assurance that no agreement or secret understanding whatsoever was made at Versailles as regards the whole or partial cancellation of Allied Debts. Americans without exception are vigorously opposed to any such suggestion. Mr. Lamont is a member of the Morgan Company who are the principal financial agents in the United States of the debtor powers. It is understood that Mr. Lamont and Mr. Harding discussed the latter's proposal to convert the debts into negotiable paper.

ALLEGED ADULTERY.**ARCHDEACON DEPRIVED OF BENEFICES.**

LONDON, February 16.

The Bishop of Lincoln has deprived the Archdeacon of Stow, the Ven. J. Wakeford, Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral, whom the Consistory Court found guilty of adultery, of his benefices and called on him to vacate the Precentor's house within a week. This is the mildest of the three courses open. The Archdeacon will be restored to his benefices if his appeal succeeds.

AUSTRIA'S PARLOUS FLIGHT.**KRONEN DROPS 2,400 POINTS IN FEW MONTHS.**

LONDON, February 16.

The Austrian Chancellor has very urgently intimated a desire to visit London to discuss the situation, pointing out that he does not desire to deal in politics nor in any way to alter the Peace Treaty. The krona which a few months ago stood at 600 to the pound sterling is now nearly 3,000. The budget deficit then seven milliards is now forty.

COTTON EXPORT SCHEME.

LONDON, February 16.

It is reported that two British syndicates have arranged with Midland Bankers and Liverpool cotton brokers to advance £400,000 towards a scheme for the exportation of cotton to Czechoslovakia for refining and re-exportation as yarns and ready-made goods to Britain and the Dominions. The enterprise is fully guaranteed by the Czechoslovakian Government and a Czech bank combine.

AMERICA AND FOREIGN LOANS.

WASHINGTON, February 16.

Mr. Houston has agreed to the judiciary committee's request not to pay any more money to foreign governments in the form of loans without consultation with the committee, regardless of whether the commitments have already been made.

FIGHTING IN ANATOLIA LIKELY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 17.

There has been feverish activity in the Greek and Turkish camps in Anatolia but up to the present there has been no serious fighting.

BRITISH SQUADRON AT SMYRNA.

SMYRNA, February 17.

A British squadron comprising the battleships "Ajax" and "Centurion" and five destroyers, commanded by Admiral De Robeck, has arrived.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	
EUROPE via Suez (Newspapers only London 13th Jan. parcels 5th Jan.)	Titan
Japan	Tamagata Maru
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	
Shanghai	Ichang
Straits	Sago Maru
Shanghai	Seiyang
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20.	
Straits	Kashmir
Straits	Alipor
Shanghai	Arundel Behic
Shanghai	Chekiang
Straits	China
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.	
Straits	Tottori Maru
Straits	Barmale
Straits and Calcutta	Yeboshi Maru
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.	
Straits and Calcutta	Morcan Maru
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.	
Japan and Shanghai	Tokohama Maru
Japan	Delgoe Maru

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

NEW GOVERNOR OF PHILIPPINES.

NEW YORK, February 17.

The New York Times states that President-elect Harding has decided to appoint Major-General Wood, governor of the Philippines.

U. S. EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 17.

The Senate has passed the Fordoy Emergency Tariff Bill imposing high duties on farm products, but in a considerably amended form.

TYPHUS SCARE.**NEW YORK QUARANTINE REGULATIONS MODIFIED.**

New York, February 17.

The quarantine order mentioned yesterday has been modified now to apply only to vessels from the Adriatic and certain other European ports. It does not affect the big liners from Britain.

SURGEON OPERATES ON HIMSELF.

New York, February 17.

In order to prove that the fear of an operation is needless, Dr. Kane, a sexagenarian chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania Hospital operated on himself for appendicitis using a local anesthetic.

"JAPAN" HIGH HORSE.**THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT WAR.****AMERICAN PAPER'S VIEWS.**

New York, February 17.

The Chicago Tribune, in a leader on the Japanese rejection of the naval holiday proposal says that either Britain or America will force a change in Japanese policy or America will partake in an Asiatic war. Japan's purpose is to control the Pacific for no longer than to enable Japanese imperialism to achieve its aims. The Tribune urges an Anglo-American understanding, whereupon, it says, Japan will come off its high horse, but if America pursues a anti-British policy, Japan will ride that horse to war.

CHINA'S INTEGRITY.

LONDON, February 17.

The Morning Post in a leader on the question of British, Japanese, and American armaments says that judging by the conditions in China there can be no durable peace until potential dangers have been removed. The journal suggests a conference including representatives of the United States, Japan, and Britain and such other nations as might be advisable, to determine a scheme to ensure the future integrity of China.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 17th. 11th. 43m. - Pressure has increased considerably from Weihaiwei to Hongkong, an anticyclone having formed over China. It has decreased considerably at Wuhaiwei and is nearly stationary in southernmost districts.

A depression which formed to the south of the Loochoos yesterday morning is apparently situated in the Sea of Japan this morning.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.23 inches, against an average of 9.41 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 18th.

1. - Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, strong; fine.

2. - Genoa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3. - South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4. - South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,**HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.**

FEBRUARY 17, 1921. - a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Hongkong	6 a.m.	29.54	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Wanchow	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Shanghai	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Amoy	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Swatow	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Taihou	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Taipei	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Kobe	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
Yokohama	6 a.m.	30.14	30.14	87	SW	8	b
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HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day at 3 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	30.01	30.17
Temperature	64	68
Humidity	73	38
Direction of Wind	N	NE
Force	2	4
Weather	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m.

The Ball is hoisted half mast at the 5th minute and full mast at the 6th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time it will be lowered at 6 minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour if possible.

Should the Time Ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z" on the Storm Signal mast.

Time Signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8.55 to 9.00 p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 54th, 59th and 64th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours East of Greenwich).

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Thanks to the enterprise of the Hongkong Hotel management, the usual dinner danst at the popular Repulse Bay Hotel last night was given an added enjoyment by the third appearance of Miss Alma Adair, late of several of the most popular Broadway companies, a charming singer whose high vocal abilities and winning personality have won her instant success in Hongkong. Miss Adair, who has appeared at Shubert's Winter Garden, the Capitol Theatre, and Keith's Vaudeville Theatres, New York, has a voice of exceptional range and clarity, admirably suited to the charming songs comprising her extensive repertoire. Last night a number of ballads of the approved sentimental brand, rendered with great feeling and expression, earned the talented artiste the warmest encomiums, in response to which she gave equally delightful encores. Miss Adair, whose graceful bearing adds not a little to the charm of her singing, will render some of the latest songs at the usual dinner danst at the Repulse Bay Hotel on Saturday night.

The local Derby Day, Thursday, February 24, will be celebrated at the Repulse Bay Hotel by a fancy dress dinner ball which promises many delightful features that will come as a surprise to Hongkong. Tables for this unique occasion may be booked on the usual lines, the charge per head being similar to that for the customary Wednesday and Saturday dances. Holders of tickets issued for the supper dance originally contemplated but subsequently substituted by the fancy dress dinner ball, at the request of many patrons, can obtain a refund on presentation of such tickets.

The approach roads to the Hotel have been closed temporarily for the purpose of regrading. Patrons are therefore kindly requested by the management to use the steps opposite the Main Entrance until completion of such work.

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